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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2034**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHING A STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY IN TUCSON.

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Whereas, the State of Arizona seeks to establish a state veterans' cemetery in Tucson; and

Whereas, Tucson is currently the thirty-second ranked city in population in the United States; and

Whereas, the population of the Tucson metropolitan area is growing at a rate of five per cent per year; and

Whereas, by 2015 there are projected to be 115,000 veterans within a seventy-five mile radius of Tucson; and

Whereas, the nearest veterans' cemetery in Sierra Vista, Arizona is nearly a two-hour drive from the Tucson metropolitan area; and

Whereas, appropriate property in Tucson is identified and is available for acquisition on assurance that a Tucson veterans' cemetery is financially feasible and could move forward.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:

- 1. That, pursuant to a broad consensus in this state, the Legislature of the State of Arizona expresses its full support for establishing a state veterans' cemetery in Tucson and pledges to work to assist in the planning, acquisition and preparation of property for that purpose with the financial support of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 2. That the Legislature requests the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to participate in enabling the Tucson veterans' cemetery to become a reality.
- 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and to each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE MAY 14, 2009.

PASSED BY THE SENATE JUNE 26, 2009.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JUNE 29, 2009.